

# ISRAEL'S STEINHARDT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ISSUE

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Israel issued a set of three stamps honoring the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History on 2020 December 15. They also issued a s/s of eight copies of the stamp. The upper margin of the s/s shows three museum boxes of insects. The left box shows 16 various insects, the middle box shows 12 butterflies and the right box shows 20 beetles, the top row of five not showing in the internet photos of this s/s. The lower margin shows five each of two beetles. The total number of insects, in whole or in part, amounts to 90, including 55 different species. This is by far the most species of insects to appear on one philatelic item.

Obviously most of the insects shown are very small, from 4-9mm, and not easily identified except that the Israel Post, in their new issue information, supplied a list of names for the left and right boxes. However, the list does not coincide with the arrangement of the insects. Identifications required finding on the internet a picture for each of the insect names given in the Israel Post list and trying to find a tiny insect on the margin that sort of resembled the larger one from the internet. Thus, most of the names are probably correct, but not guaranteed. Any corrections are welcome.

2020, December 15 (Steinhardt Museum of Natural History)

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| 2273 | 4.10s. <i>Agapanthia pustulifera</i> Pic, at UR                   | CER, Lamiinae       | B |
|      | Middle Eastern Jewel Beetle, <i>Steraspis squamosa</i> Klug, at M | BUP, Chrysochroinae | B |
|      | Eastern Maybeetle, <i>Anoxia orientalis</i> Krynicky, at LL & LR  | SCA, Melolonthinae  | B |
|      | Margin: <i>Certallum ebulinum</i> L.                              | CER, Cerambycinae   | Z |
|      | Copper Beetle, <i>Protaetia cuprea</i> Fabr.                      | SCA, Cetoniinae     | Z |
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|      | 4.10s. As above, in s/s of 8                                      |                     |   |
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The following are in the order shown below:

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8	9	10
11	12	
13	14	15 16

Left Box, in margin

1: <i>Xylocopa pubescens</i> Spinola	API, Xylocopinae	Z
2: European Grasshopper, <i>Oedipoda miniata</i> Pallas	ACR, Oedipodinae	Z
3: Desert Mantid, <i>Eremiaphila</i> sp.	ERE, Eremiaphilinae	Z
4: Tree Bug, <i>Graphosoma lineatum</i> L.	PEN, Podopinae	Z
5: Scarlet Darter, <i>Crocothemis erythraea</i> Brulle	LIB, Sympetrinae	Z
6: Clown-faced Bug, <i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i> L.	*PYRH, Pyrrhocorinae	Z
7: Arab Mantid, <i>Blepharopsis mendica</i> Fabr.	EMP, Blepharodinae	Z
8: Grasshopper	Acrididae	Z
9: Mediterranean Mantid, <i>Iris oratoria</i> L.	*ERE, Iridinae	Z
10: 2-Spotted Cricket, <i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i> De Geer	GRY, Gryllinae	Z
11: Spotted Assassin Bug, <i>Rhynocoris punctiventris</i> Herrich-Schaeffer RED, Harpactorinae	Z	
12: <i>Truxalis</i> sp.	ACR, Acridinae	Z
13: <i>Cicadetta musiva</i> Germar	CICA, Cicadettinae	Z
14: <i>Codophila varia</i> Fabr.	PEN, Pentatominae	Z
15: Black-Brown Diver, <i>Dytiscus marginalis</i> L.	DYT, Dytiscinae	Z
16: <i>Isophya savigni</i> Brunner von Wattenwyl	TET, Phaneropterinae	Z

The following are in the usual L to R, top down order:

Middle Box,

1: Lesser Purple Emperor, <i>Apatura ilia</i> Denis & Schiffermuller	NYM, Apaturinae	Z
2: Corsican Swallowtail, <i>Papilio hospiton</i> Guenee	PAP, Papilioninae	Z
3: Cleopatra, <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i> L.	PIE, Coliadae	Z
4: Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	Z
5: 2-Tailed Pasha, <i>Charaxes jasius</i> L.	NYM, Charaxinae	Z
6: Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i> L.	PIE, Pierinae	Z
7: Red Admiral, <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	Z
8: Old World Swallowtail, <i>Papilio machaon</i> L.	PAP, Papilioninae	Z
9: Orange Sulfur, <i>Colias eurytheme</i> Boisduval, ♂	PIE, Coliadae	Z
10: Large Tortoiseshell, <i>Nymphalis polychloros</i> L.	NYM, Nymphalinae	Z
11: African Monarch, <i>Danaus chrysippus</i> L.	NYM, Danainae	Z
12: Turkish Meadow Brown, <i>Maniola telmessia</i> Zeller	NYM, Satyrinae	Z

The following are in the usual L to R, top down order:

Right Box,

1-5: Unknown Beetles. Not visible in photos of this s/t sheet	Coleoptera	Z
6: <i>Certallium ebulinum</i> L.	CER, Cerambycinae	Z
7: Red Palm Weevil, <i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i> Olivier	DRY, Rhynchophorinae	Z
8: <i>Agonum impressum</i> Panzer	CAR, Carabinae	Z
9: <i>Scarabaeus</i> sp.	SCA, Scarabaeinae	Z
10: Sycophant, <i>Calosoma sycophanta</i> L.	CAR, Carabinae	Z
11: <i>Mylabris</i> sp.	MEL, Meloidae	Z
12: <i>Graphipterus</i> sp.	CAR, Lebiinae	Z
13: Unknown Beetle	Coleoptera	Z
14: <i>Julodis</i> sp.	BUP, Julodinae	Z
15: <i>Agapanthia</i> sp.	CER, Lamiinae	Z
16: <i>Neoplagionotus bobelayei</i> Brulle	CER, Cerambycinae	Z